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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated November 7, 2001, the following documents are enclosed for filing in the subject application:

- 1) A copy of the foregoing Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Confirmation No. 6757);
- 2) A executed Patent Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 3) Our check no. 20570 in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the small entity surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e).
- 4) A request for a one-month extension of time and our check No. 20572 for \$55.00 (small entity) fee.

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If any additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 15-0508, or credit any overpayment. The Commissioner is hereby generally authorized under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any future reply in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor, and the Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 15-0508 for any fee that may be due in connection with such a request for an extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 4, 2002

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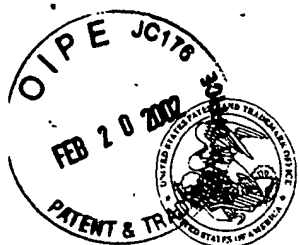
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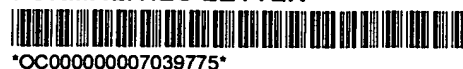
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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